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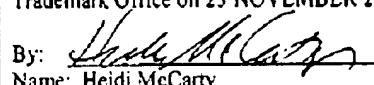
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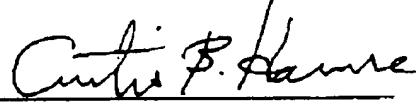
Dear Sir:

Pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully assert that on 4 October 2005, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. However, the Form 1449 has not been returned to the undersigned as being considered by the Examiner. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with an official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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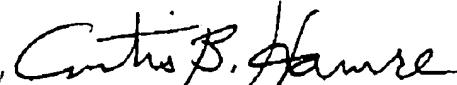
Dear Sir:

Pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully note that the Examiner fails to acknowledge in the Notice of Allowability that the certified copy of the priority document has been received. However, Applicants respectfully assert that on 10 February 2004, the certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2002-282019 was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Furthermore, in the Office Action dated 4 August 2005, the Examiner acknowledges the claim of foreign priority. Applicant respectfully requests that a Supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued acknowledging the claim of foreign priority and that the priority information appear on the cover page of the issued patent.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants enclose herewith one certified copy of a Japanese application, Serial No. 2002-282019, filed September 26, 2002, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,

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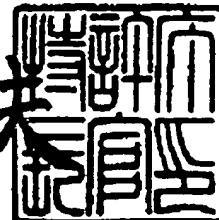
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